

DETAILED ACTION

1. This Office Action is in response to applicant's amendment filed on May 9, 2008.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. **Claims 29-41 are allowed.**
3. At the instant, Koenig (US 6,092,845) discloses a cable that engages a cable seat to operate a lock. However, Koenig fails to disclose that 1) when the cable-positioning operating device is in its unlocked position, longitudinal movement of the cable toward the cable seat brings the free end of the cable into engagement with the cable seat, whereby the catch is caused to move from its locked position to its unlocked position so that the bolt can be moved from its locked position to its unlocked position; and 2) when the cable-positioning operating device is in its locked position, the free end of the cable does not engage the cable seat upon longitudinal movement of the cable generally toward the cable seat.

At the instant, Koenig discloses that when the lock device is in the lock or unlock position, it would maintain a separation between the cable end and the cable seat and would push the cable end into engagement with the cable seat by means of the element for acting upon the cable end, thereby eliminating the separation, and by further pushing the cable end by means of the element for acting upon the cable end so as to displace the catch, thereby releasing the rotary bolt.

Koenig's cable positioning operating device (handle 110) is not capable of performing the actions claimed.

Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Carlos Lugo whose telephone number is 571-272-7058. The examiner can normally be reached on 10-7pm EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Patricia Engle can be reached on 571-272-6660. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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